

**REMARKS**

**I. Formal Matters.** Claims 6 and 11 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 and for confirming receipt of a certified copy of Applicant's priority document.

**II. Claims.**

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Bang* (U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2003/0137254).

Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bang*.

Claim 2 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 12, previously withdrawn, is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 6 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 6 and 11 are rewritten into independent form incorporating all of the subject matter of respective base claims and any intervening claims. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection to claims 6 and 11 is respectfully requested and deemed proper.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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